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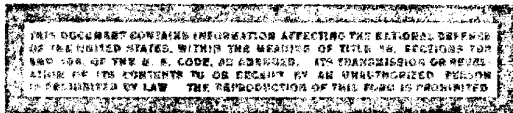
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1. The former chief of staff of TV Dresden, furnishing information on the territorial administrative agency (territoriale Verwaltung) (TV or TVW) at Pasewalk from 20 to 26 March 1953, indicated that in about April 1952 Major General Rentsch, and Major Oehlmann, were detached to Berlin to prepare the activation of Gruppe Nord (army corps), which was based on Order 400 by Minister of the Interior Stoph. By the selection of the best-qualified men of all alert forces and their reassignment to the alert forces scheduled to be integrated into the projected TV Pasewalk, these former alert forces were reshaped into divisions during the summer of 1952. The future division commanders and their deputies were subject to frequent reassignments. After a period of about two months, the future army corps headquarters including Rentsch and Oehlmann transferred to Eggesin. The staff of the headquarters was reinforced by Lieutenant Colonel Riedel, chief of staff; Major Petter, artillery deputy; and Major Gast, tank deputy. A plan to transfer all units of Pasewalk TV to East Prussia was dropped and the Torgelow area was fixed instead. The assignment of enlisted personnel to Pasewalk TV was largely completed by July or August 1952. Allotments of material commenced in about May and continued to the fall of 1952.

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In February 1953, at the end of the time of observation, Pasewalk TV could be considered an army corps ready for action to some degree. Training of units still was insufficient, however, and the morale of the troops was rather low. 1

2. [redacted] list of the organization of, and the officers assigned to, the Pasewalk TV:

Place

Officer

Commander

Major General Rentsch

Chief of staff

Lieutenant Colonel Riedel

General deputy

Major Oehlmann

PK deputy

unknown

PK chief

unknown

Tank deputy

Major Gast

Artillery deputy

Major Petter

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Supply deputy	unknown
E ? (engineer) deputy	"
Chemical defence chief	"
Cadres chief	"
Classified-material chief	"
Intelligence chief	"
Operations chief	"
General section chief	"
Chief of administration	"
and supply section	"
Chief of cipher section	"
Chief of reconnaissance section	"
Signal battalion commander	"
Headquarters company commander	"
Ordnance chief	"
Adjutant officer	"

3. Units subordinate to the Pasewalk TV included the Prenzlau Rifle Div, with Colonel Riedel as commander and Lieutenant Colonel Brumm, as chief of staff or general deputy; the Prora Rifle Div, with Lieutenant Colonel Roehr, as commander and Lieutenant Colonel Brucker, who was arrested by the SSD in mid-January 1953, as chief of staff; the Eggesin Mecz Div with Colonel Siegfried Weiss as commander and Major Reinhold Tappert as chief of staff; one artillery regiment totalling forty-eight 122-mm and 152-mm guns; one AAA regiment; one signal battalion; one engineer battalion; and supply services.<sup>2</sup>
4. Each rifle division included three rifle regiments; one tank regiment of two medium tank battalions totalling 44 tanks and one SP artillery battalion of 22 SP guns; one artillery regiment of two battalions of 76-mm guns and one battalion of 122-mm guns; one motorcycle battalion of two motorcycle companies and one armored scout car company; one AT battalion; one engineer company; one signal company; and one reconnaissance unit. Each rifle regiment included three rifle battalions; one regimental school; one AAA unit; one mortar battery of 120-mm mortars; one AT battery of 76-mm AT guns; one signal platoon; and one engineer platoon. Each rifle battalion included three rifle companies; one heavy machine gun company of three platoons each equipped with three machine guns; one mortar company of six 82-mm or 50-mm mortars; one AT rifle company (?); and one supply platoon. Each rifle company included three platoons; one heavy machine gun section or platoon (?); and one AT rifle platoon of nine AT rifles (?). Each rifle platoon included three squads of one NCO and nine or ten men with one or two light machine guns, and one heavy machine gun squad equipped with one machine gun. The riflemen were equipped with rifles and/or submachine guns.<sup>1</sup>
5. The mechanized division included three mechanized regiments; one medium tank regiment of three battalions of three companies each equipped with ten T-34 tanks; one heavy tank regiment of two battalions of two companies each equipped with eleven JS tanks and one battalion of two companies each equipped with eleven SP guns; one artillery regiment of two battalions with 76-mm guns and one battalion with 122-mm guns; one mortar battalion or battery with 120-mm mortars; one AAA battalion; one engineer company; and one signal company. Each mechanized regiment included three mechanized

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battalions; one regimental school; one artillery battalion of two batteries with 76-mm guns and one battery with 122-mm guns; one mortar battery with 120-mm mortars; one AT battalion with sixteen 76-mm AT guns; one AAA unit; one tank battalion with 20 to 30 tanks; one engineer platoon; and one signal platoon. Each mechanized battalion included three mechanized companies; one machine gun company of three platoons each equipped with three machine guns of a new Soviet model; one mortar company of six or nine 82-mm or 50-mm mortars; and one AT battery of four to six 45-mm or 57-mm guns. Each mechanized company included three mechanized platoons; one heavy machine gun platoon with three machine guns; and one AT rifle platoon, which was allegedly equipped with nine AT rifles. Each mechanized platoon included three rifle squads of one NCO and nine or ten men with one or two light machine guns and one heavy machine gun squad equipped with one machine gun. Each company or battery included one Soviet officer, who was assigned as adviser, and each headquarters included several Soviet advisers.<sup>4</sup>

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Comment. The artillery regiment mentioned in the present report was transferred from the Pasewalk area to winter quarters at Dessau-Kochstedt in the fall of 1952 and was confirmed there up to late March 1953. It includes one battalion of three batteries each equipped with four 122-mm howitzers and three battalions of three batteries each equipped with four 152-mm howitzers, or a total of 48 guns. The AAA regiment and the signal battalion are stationed at Pasewalk and the engineer battalion at Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg.

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3.

Comment. The organizational data given in the present report are not in agreement with the actual situation.

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the organization of the KVP divisions largely conforms to Soviet units of corresponding type.

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